(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA):(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

IGNOU Project for North Eastern Region

2822. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North East Media Focus (NEMFO) is special project run by IGNOU from special fund* given by Government for overall development of North Eastern Region.

(b) the total allocation of funds for the whole project and the budget for the current financial year; and

(c) the number of films made by IGNOU from this Fund on the North Eastern Region; who are the producers of those films; and how many are there from North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERM A): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total allocation for North East Media Focus (NEMFO) project is Rs. 1.45 crore. The budget for the current financial year is Rs. 0.70 crore.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University, the University shortlisted 20 Producers from North Eastern States covering the areas of environment, culture, art, craft and textiles etc. Of the 20 film makers, six producers have submitted the final prints. The final prints are awaited from nine producers while of the remaining five producers, the films are at different stages of finalization. The producers of the films are S/Shri Alexander Leo Pou, B.M. Sanjoo Sharma, Balmeenakshi Rajkhowa, Debasish Saha, Dulal Saikia, Gokulkrishna Borkakoti, Haobam Paban Kumar, James Sangma, Kishore Seram, Mauleenath Senapati, Metevinuo Sakhrie, Kivini Shohe/V Chiele, Navjyoti Duara,

Neekakshi Devi, Prabin Hazarika, Pradeep Gogoi, Ranjit Das, Rongsenla Marsosang, Syed Wassim, and W. Tikendef Singh.

Unproductive Expenditure in the Railways

2823. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways were no exception to the impact of the economic slow down which had been reflected in the loading figures of some Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken for reducing expenditure in the unproductive areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) yes, Sir. Economic slow down in the country has affected the originating loading on the Indian Railways also. Zone-wise proportionate target and provisional loading achieved upto Oct, 2001 is given below:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Railways	Target	Loading(Provisional)
Central	30.20	30.70
Eastern	47.10	43.72
Northern	19.80	19.20
N.E.	1.60	1.38
N.F.	3.65	3.86
Southern	16.10	14.69
S.C.	33.65	33.55
S.E.	109.50	104.95
Western	21.20	21.05
TOTAL	281.35	273.10